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- 1. FOR CAIRO: DR. HADDAD WILL BE IN CAIRO JUNE 5 TO 8. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT SADAT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR SOME TIME DURING THAT PERIOD. PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO CAIRO IS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF ORIENTAL JEWRY. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH SADAT, DR. HADDAD WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CALL ON AMBASSADOR EILTS IF AMBASSADOR IS AVAILABLE.
- 2. FOR TEL AVIV: DR. HADDAD WILL BE IN ISRAEL MAY 30 TO JUNE 5 AND EXPECTS TO MEET WITH VARIOUS HIGH-LEVEL ISRAELI FIGURES. HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS COULD BE ARRANGED.
- 3. DR. HADDAD IS A US CITIZEN BORN IN IRAQ, A LEADING UNCLASSIFIED

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MEMBER OF US ORIENTAL JEWISH COMMUNITY AND AN OPTHAMO-LOGICAL SURGEON FROM NEW YORK. HE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. DR. HADDAD WILL BE DEPARTING NEW YORK ON MAY 10. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING REPLIES FROM TEL AVIV AND CAIRO TO PASS TO HIM BEFORE THEN. VANCE

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